CHAPTER 42
BOY'S BREAK

SEIHOU
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I FOUND IT

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND HIM

SIGN: PLAYER LOCKER ROOM

AND FOR THAT, EVERYONE SHOULD ALSO...

JUST WATCH

WE'LL DEFINITELY WIN IN THE SECOND HALF

AND ALSO HIS WEAK POINT

TN: BOOOOOOBS

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YUUKI-KUUUUN WELCOME BAAAAACK~

WH- WHA...

HWAAAAH

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WON'T LET YOU!

EVERYONE IS TRYING TO CHEER YOU UP AFTER YOU GOT SO DEPRESSED

SHOWING ALL OUR BOOBS TO YOU

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY TO?

LET ME GO —

ALLRIGHT, GET SOOTHED TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!

RIGHT! THIS IS YOUR SPECIAL HALFTIME TO SOOTH AWAY YOUR FATIGUE

N... NO

I CAN'T REST LIKE THAT

BOOBS AND BOOBS HALF & HALF

BUT YOU ARE MISTAKEN, YUUKI-KUN

VERY MISTAKEN

...EH

OH NO... DON'T TELL ME, YOU'RE ALREADY TIRED OF LOOKING AT NIPPLES, YUUKI-KUN ...?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN

HOW-EVER...

EACH OF THEM MIGHT LOOK THE SAME

CERTAINLY, THERE ARE PLENTY OF BOOBS...

THERE AREN'T TWO NIPPLES THAT ARE THE SAME IN THIS WORLD. EACH IS A DAZZLING FLOWER

AN ONLY ONE THAT IS IRREPLACE-ABLE!

BESIDES, WHAT ABOUT KAGEYAMA !?

HE TOO DID WELL AND IS TIRED

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IF YOU UNDERSTAND, RESIGN YOURSELF

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THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!!

IN HIS CASE

AH

FAR TOO CRUEL ...

I'M SURE HE'S RESTING

WE WRAPPED HIM UP IN A MAT AND PUT HIM AWAY IN THE TRUNK

COME

AND SO

COME

COME

YUUKI-CHAN, WE CAME TO CHEER YOU UP ——

HEY, YUUKI, YOU'RE NOT TOO DEPRESSED ?

EVEN MIYUKI

SHI- SHIN- ICHI!!

I... IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE, THEY'RE THE ONES...

YUUKI... YOU...

WHAT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE?

OH MY

YOU PEOPLE

CLAIMED THAT YOU'RE TIRED AND NEEDED TO BE SOOTHED ...

YOU WERE SO FORCE-FUL WITH US

-NG!

I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT

YOU CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKI-

TO THINK THAT YUUKI-CHAN WOULD TURN INTO SUCH A LEWD CHILD ...

I MIS-JUDGED HIM

BOOHOOO

KYA!

THAT HE DID

IN TEARS

HE RAN AWAY ...

I NEED A PLACE I CAN REST

HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING ...

IT'S NO USE... THAT PLACE

MY BODY AND MY MIND ONLY END UP IN TATTERS

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REST ...

SIGN: RESTROOM

IN HERE!

PHEW -

I CAN CALM DOWN HERE

UH ...

IT IS A PATHETIC STORY THOUGH ...

I THINK I NOW UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF PEOPLE WHO EAT IN THE BATHROOM

SFX: EEEEEEEEK

YOU'RE SAKAKIBARA YUUKI...

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

I'M DONE FOR

IN ANY CASE

WAS I TOO FLUSTERED AND GOT INTO A GIRLS' BATHROOM BY MISTAKE!? AND WHY DIDN'T SHE LOCK!?

EH!? WHY... WHAT'S GOING ON!?

YUUKI-KUUUN ~~~

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ~~~?

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YOU ABAN-DONED US

TO GO PLAY WITH SOME STRAY BOOBS ...?

SECOND TIME, TOO

YUUKI-CHAN, HOW FILTHY

N... NO...

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT ...

I don't really get it, but...

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE SOME-ONE LIKE YOU

THEY WERE SHOWN THAT OKITA IS JUST THAT MUCH BETTER

MORE THAN THE DIFFERENCE IN SCORE, THE MENTAL DAMAGE IS HUGE

ABOUT NOW, SEIHOU'S LOCKER ROOM MUST BE GRIPPED BY A FUNEREAL ATMOSPHERE

INDEED

BUT I DOUBT IT CAN BE DONE THAT EASILY

I HOPE THEY CAN SWITCH OVER DURING THIS HALFTIME

THOSE KIDS ARE PRETTY TOUGH, EVEN IF THEY DON'T LOOK IT

I'M SURE THEY'LL COME OUT AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED

THAT'S NOT TRUE —

OH...

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL THERE THEY ARE

IN THAT CASE...

JUST AS ASUKA-SAN SAID

THEY ALL LOOK LIKE THEY GOT THEIR SPIRITS UP

EH ...?

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IT'S LIKE IT'S GROWN CLOUDY ALL OF A SUDDEN

WHAT'S THAT—!? THEY LOOK BATTERED

SFX: WOBBLE

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THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE NOTHING'S HAPPENED... THOUGH?

OH MY
—

YUUKI-KUN, ARE YOU OKAY?

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, WE'RE WITH YOU

DO YOUR BEST

IT'S YOUR FAULT TO BEGIN WITH, CAPTAIN ...

ARE YOU CREATING AN EXCUSE FOR WHEN YOU LOSE?

YOU LOOK TERRIBLE

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WHAT'D YOU SAY !?

WELL, I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING TO KNOW THE EXTENT OF YOUR ABILITY

IT'LL SERVE YOU WELL IN THE FUTURE

YUUKI-KUN WILL WIN

FOR SURE

I WONDER WHO WILL LEARN THE EXTENT OF THEIR ABILITY

HU ...

TRULY, TALKING IS THE ONE THING YOU DO WELL

CAPTAIN ...

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY EXPECTA-TIONS

DON'T GET SO OVER-HEATED

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THAT BASTARD! HOW LONG IS HE GONNA BE MESSING WITH ME!?

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YOU FOUND IT, DIDN'T YOU?

A WAY TO WIN AGAINST HIM?

THEN YOU HAVE TO STAY COOL

CAPTAIN

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

SEINOU

I KNEW IT, SHE IS AMAZING

AND PUT UP THAT RIDICULOUS SHOW SO I WOULDN'T STRAIN TOO MUCH ...

I SEE... SHE NOTICED IT

I SUPPOSE YOU WON'T FEEL SATISFIED WITH JUST NIPPLES ANYMORE

SO ONCE WE WIN, WHAT DO YOU WANT NEXT TIME?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I...

SECOND HALF STARTS

EVERYONE, DON'T RUSH, GET INTO A RHYTHM HERE

WE'LL GO SLOWLY

SEIKOU

EVEN IF IT'S PERCEIVED AS PASSIVE, THIS IS THE OBVIOUS DECISION

THEY'VE CALMED DOWN

HEH

THE DIFFERENCE IN STRENGTH IS PLAIN TO SEE

THEY CAN'T HELP IT

TO THE FRONT, FROM HERE!?

WHAT !!

!

!!

NO. 10

HE WON'T BE THAT RECKLESS ANYMORE

THIS IS WHERE THEY GET NO. 10 TO KEEP POSSESSION WHILE SLOWLY DEVELOPING THE PLAY

I GUESS HE'S COOLED DOWN DURING HALFTIME

IMPOS-
SIBLE

CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT

IS HE ALL
MUSCLE
FOR
BRAIN!?

UWAAAAH
HE'S
BREAKING
THROUGH

JUST HOW
MUCH DO
THEY UNDER-
ESTIMATE US

TCH

EVERYONE'S
FEELINGS

BUT IT
ISN'T...
THIS ISN'T
YUUKI-KUN
BREAKING
THROUGH
ALONE

A
RECKLESS
CHARGE

IT MIGHT
LOOK THAT
WAY TO
EVERYONE
WATCHING

AND
EVERYONE'S
...

HE BROKE PAST ONE PLAYER

HOWEVER

THIS IS A BOOB ATTACK

EVERYONE'S BOOBS ARE AT HIS BACK

THE WALL OF DF IS STILL THICK

IT DOESN'T MATTER

IT'S IM-POSSIBLE

ALL I NEED TO DO IS CUT THROUGH TO THE GOAL

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AT THAT RATE

HE BROKE PAST ONE PLAYER

HE'LL BE PUSHING DEEPER

HOW-EVER ...

IT'S OKITA AGAIN!

HOW MANY TIMES HAS THIS HAPPENED ALREADY?

HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE

HI.

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO NEXT?

BUT OKITA HAS HEARD THAT TOO

LEFT !!

HE BLOCKS UNMEDI-ATELY

EH

!!

SWIFTLY REVERSING AGAIN, AND...

WHA... A PASS NOW OF ALL TIMES !?

IS THIS FOR REAL?

HEEL PASS AND SCREEN

KILL

I DIDN'T EXPECT A PASS

AFTER HE GOT SO VEXED AND STARTED PUSHING FORWARD, NO ONE COULD PREDICT IT

THE LEFT SIDE IS COMPLETELY OPEN

THEY GOT TOTALLY DECEIVED

WE HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT A PLAYER CAPABLE OF THAT

IT'S A JUDGMENT BASED ON ACKNOWL-EDGING THAT OKITA-KUN IS THE BETTER PLAYER

IT WAS A SPLENDID FEINT

TOO LATE!

GET BACK TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE

START THE PRESS AGAIN

THERE'S ONLY A SINGLE MARKER ON HER

NO. 9 !!

I WON'T LET YOU

SHIT

NO, IT WAS AN ERROR

SHARP REVERSAL AND SIDESTEP!

SHE IS AMAZ-ING!

IN THE SHORT TIME IT TOOK HER TO REVERSE THE DEFENSIVE FORMATION WAS ABLE TO TAKE SHAPE

THAT'S OUTCRI YOUTH FOR YOU

SIDE CHANGE !?

FROM HERE !?

!!

NO. 10

THERE'S NO ONE BUT CHITOSE ON HIS SIDE

IT'S ONE ON ONE AGAIN!

YOU GOT IT WRONG, DIDN'T YOU, MR. REPORTER

SO THAT ANYONE WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THAT IT WAS HIS VICTORY

HE SET UP THAT ONE ON ONE SO THAT OTHER PLAYERS WOULDN'T GET IN THE WAY

I'M SURE THAT KID WAS CALM AND COM-POSED AND HE MADE A COM-POSED DECISION

AN AVERAGE PERSON WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND BUT THAT'S

IT'S UNREA-SONABLE. YOU CAN SEE THE OUTCOME WHY IS HE SO BENT ON A ONE ON ONE SHOW-DOWN?

I KNEW IT

I THOUGHT IT WOULD COME TO THIS

SOMETHING INDISPENS-ABLE TO TOP PLAY-ERS LIKE US

OTORI

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WHAT WOULD WORK AGAINST OKITA AT THIS POINT...?

WHAT IS HE PLANNING TO DO NOW? I THINK HE'S TRIED EVERYTHING HE HAD ALREADY

READY...

SEIHOU 10

I'M PUNISHED HARD ABOVE THE HEAD!?

A PASS... NO...

BAM

!!

IT'S ONE THING WHEN HE'S AT HIS TOP SPEED FOR A COUNTER

BUT IF HE DOES THIS FROM A ZERO START, HE'LL JUST GET HIS COURSE BLOCKED

HE'S GOING TO GET BEHIND THE LINES

AND YET

HE'S GOING AROUND WITH ALL HE'S GOT, TRYING TO GET AHEAD

CAN HE CATCH UP LIKE THAT?

If you compare the present Yuuki-kun and Ryouhei, in almost every aspect Ryouhei is slightly better

AND AMONG THEM, HIS TECHNIQUE AT FIGHTING AGAINST ONE OPPONENT IS TRULY WORLD CLASS

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIM AND YUUKI-KUN IS LIKE BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

HE'S THE ONE WHO CAN

He's Yuuki-kun

EIKOU

THAT PROVOCATIVE ATTITUDE AS WELL IS THE GROUNDWORK FOR RESTRICTING THE OPPONENT'S ACTIONS

HE KEEPS PILING ADVANTAGE UPON ADVANTAGE

THE PACE, THE STYLE OF HIS MOVEMENT, EVERY SINGLE TRICK BEWILDERS HIS OPPONENTS

The true nature of Ryouhei is the genius of feints

BUT... THERE IS NO NEED TO FIGHT IT OUT WITH HIM TO BEGIN WITH

THE DIFFERENCE IN LEVEL WILL LOOK MANIFESTLY HOPELESS TO ANYONE

EVEN IF YUUKI-KUN FIGHTS IT OUT IN THE SAME WAY AGAINST THAT KIND OF AN OPPONENT

IT'S A SIMPLE, AS WELL AS BASIC COMPONENT OF ANY COMPETITION. IN SHORT, IT IS...

EVEN WITHOUT THAT, YUUKI-KUN HAS SOMETHING THAT CAN LET HIM WIN DECISIVELY...

SPEED!!!

HE'S FAST !!

BUT OKITA IS PUSHING WITH HIS BODY TOO

THEY'RE EVEN

HE'S FINALLY AHEAD!

AT THAT RATE, HE'LL RETAIN POSSE...

HE JUST NEEDS TO BRING IT INTO A SIMPLE MATCH

Yuuki-kun has abso-lute speed

SEIHOU

!!

STORI

TOO BAD

HE TOOK THE BALL AWAY AND NOW CAN JUST WAIT WHERE HE CAN GET AT THE THROW IN NOW HE GOT THE OPPONENT CORNERED
IT'S OKITA WHO WON AT READING AHEAD

AH- IT DIDN'T WORK..
EVEN THOUGH HE GOT SO CLOSE-

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SO QUICK TO GET UP
WHAT'S GOING ON
WHAT !?

TO BE ABLE TO RECOVER FROM THAT POSITION IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE

IT'S AS IF HE'S RONALDO IN HIS PRIME

AND HE GOT THE BALL

AND LUCKY FOR HIM, THE BALL KEPT ROLLING FORWARD

IT'S A MIRACULOUS ABILITY TO RECOVER

IT WASN'T

BUT EVEN IF IT WAS ACCIDENTAL, A WIN IS A WIN

SLIDING IS A PLAY DESIGNED TO STEAL THE BALL

AND SEND IT OUT OF BOUNDS IN THE WORST CASE

OKITA DID THAT PROPERLY

YOU THINK THE BALL ROLLED FORWARD ACCIDENTALLY?

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE

AND YET, THE REASON THE BALL KEPT ROLLING FORWARD

BECAUSE THERE WAS STRONG PRESSURE TO PRESS AHEAD

IT BECAME INEVITABLE

AND—

IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT

IT WAS A NATURAL WIN

YUUKI-KUN'S PLAY WAS BASED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT

THAT'S WHY HE STOOD UP QUICKLY

THE WAY OPENS TO THE WINNER

STOP HIM WHATEVER IT TAKES ....

DON'T LET HIM THROUGH!!

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THE FACT THAT HE BROKE THROUGH SUCH A MATTER THAT MUCH

IT WAS ABOUT WHICH OF THEM WOULD SUCCEED AS THE ATTACKER

HE FINALLY BROKE THROUGH OKITA-KUN AND WON?

AND THIS TIME YUKI-KUN WON

IT'S THE ULTIMATE HUMILIATION FOR THE HERETOFORE UNDEFEATED EMPEROR

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SEIHOU
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BETWEEN HIS PRIDE AND THE TEAM'S VICTORY
WHICH WILL HE CHOOSE?

BUT SOCCER ISN'T AN INDIVIDUAL SPORT
IN THE END IT'S WHETHER THE TEAM WINS OR NOT

THIS IS WHERE THE REAL FIGHT BEGINS

GO TO THE SIDE

MAKE THEM SPREAD OUT

HERE !!

OKITA !?

GIVE IT TO ME!

Y... YEAH

DON'T GO ONE ON ONE AGAINST HIM

PRESS !

HE FORCEFULLY BROKE THROUGH THE PRESS!!

BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM THIS RAVENOUS BEFORE

I'VE SEEN NUMEROUS GAMES WHERE OKITA-KUN PLAYED UP TILL NOW

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AT THIS RATE HE'S FORGING AHEAD

IS HE GOING ALL THE WAY TO THE GOAL —?

HE'D NEVER HAD A PEER IN THE COUNTRY

HE'D BEEN ISOLATED

SEIHOU'S NO. 10

STOLE THE BALL

AND THEN A COUNTER ?

FOR THE FIRST TIME HE SEES SOMEONE EQUAL TO HIM

NO

IMPA-
TIENCE?

IS IT
CONFU-
SION?

I
REMEMBER

NO, THIS
ISN'T THE
FIRST TIME...
THIS
FEELING...

THIS
IS...

THAT'S
RIGHT

BUT
OKITA
BEGINS
TO CHASE
AT ONCE
!!

RIN

JUST THAT BACK

I'D ALWAYS... CHASED AFTER HER

AND NOW...

I WAS MOVING FURTHER AWAY...

BUT... WHEN I NOTICED, I HAD ALREADY PASSED HER

YUUKI-KUN

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YEAH

I'M COMING UP BEHIND

TEAR THEM UP

HE'S THE ONE I CAN'T LOSE TO

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SFX. HAA

AND NOW

THE CLUB'S TOWER HAS FINALLY BEEN BUILT

IT SEEMS THAT THE TEAMS ARCHERY HAVE BEEN SORTED OUT

OOTORI PLAYERS LOOK UTTERLY EX-HAUSTED

IN A DEFENSIVE FORM BEFORE NOW THEY'RE RUN RAGGED BY OKITA

YUUKI-
KUN

THE SIDE
THAT IS
HUNGRIER
FOR VICTORY
WILL WIN

!!

SHIT

HE CAN STILL MOVE

FOR-WARD!!

HU

A SHOT WITH NO MOTION

IT'S GOING IN!

!!

HE GOT US...

ЧИНОАААА!

HMPH

YOU CAN'T USE THE SAME THING AGAINST ME TIME AFTER TIME

AND ...

SHE CAUGHT IT—!!

YEAH

KAYO!

THIS IS...

AND THEY'RE OFF AT ONCE

SHE'S THE STARTING POINT

DON'T LET YUKA PUSH FORWARD

YUKA!!

TOO LATE

A LONG PASS

IT'S A COUNTER!!

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IT'S NO. 4

KU KU KU

THAT BASTARD, HE'D BEEN LAZING ABOUT AND RECOVERED HIS STRENGTH

HE EASILY GOT PAST TWO PLAYERS

CLANG

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

A THROUGH PASS

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SEIHOU

THAT

WHICH OF THEM?

TWO RUSH FOR-WARD

WOULD BE ME, OBVI-OUSLY!

THIS IS ...

IT'S IN

A POWERFUL MIDDLE SHOT

HERE TOO IS A SUPER SAVE!

RE-BOUN DED!

AH!

!!

IS SHE GOING TO PUSH IT IN NOW?

NO

THE GOAL IS WIDE OPEN IN FRONT OF HER

SHE PICKED UP THE REBOUND

RIN

OKITA IS RUSHING IN TO COVER !!

I WON'T LET YOU SCORE

WILL HE MAKE IT IN TIME?

ME?

HMPH

NO, THE ONE TO SCORE

WILL BE OUR STAR PLAYER

HE HAS TO APPEAR AT THE LAST MOMENT

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GOAL !!

A REVERSAL DURING STOPPAGE TIME

AMAZ-ING!

HE KEPT ON PASSING AND CONTINUED TO ATTACK UNTIL THE VERY END

HE'S REALLY SOME-THING

IS PUMP-ING HIS FIST!!

AND THEN NO. 10

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I ALMOST FELT AS IF I WAS WATCHING BARCA PLAY

DID YOU SEE THAT NOW?

YEAH... THEY PAID NO HEED TO THE PRESS, AND SMASHED THROUGH WITH INDIVIDUAL SKILLS AND TEAMWORK

OKI-
TAAA!!

COME
ON!!

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?
HURRY UP
AND KICK
OFF, WE'RE
RESTARTING

OTORI

SFX: WHISTLE

YEAH

UH

SO THIS...

THE SECOND HALF... NO

THE MATCH IS OVER ...

NO WAY

WON...

WE...

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WE

WE DID IT!

WE WON AGAINST THE STRONGEST TEAM—

WE WON, WE WON —

YUUKI-KUN TOO, YOU MADE IT HAPPEN

WAI... LET GO

CAN'T BREA...

EVERYONE AS WELL, COME HERE —

DON'T BE BASH-FUL

IT'S NOT OVER YET...

WA.-

QUIT

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REF!!

THE STOPPAGE TIME CAN'T BE OVER YET!!

THIS IS WEIRD

OKITA ...

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DIS-GRACE-FUL, HUH...

OKITA ACTING SO DIS-GRACE-FUL

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT

THE WEIGHT OF WINNING

I DON'T THINK SO. HE KNOWS VERY WELL

HE'S SUCH AN AWESOME GUY

HE'D DO ANYTHING TO THAT END, GET DESPERATE TOO

A FIGHT FROM NOW ON?

AND THE FACT THAT SUCH A GUY LOST

MEANS THAT A FIGHT WILL START FROM NOW ON

AND IF THEY END UP TOGETHER ON A HIGHER LEVEL TEAM, THEY WILL CONTINUE FIGHTING FOR THEIR POSITION

RIGHT

THOSE TWO WILL FIGHT EACH OTHER FROM NOW AND FOREVER

VICTORY WILL SWITCH BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE TEAMS

THAT WILL SURELY BECOME

OMIYA AND YUUKI-KUN'S FOOTBALL JOURNEY

FOOTBALL JOURNEY...

SOCCER CLUB

SO, EV-
ERYONE
...

AND SO, TO
MARK OUR
VICTORY
OVER
OOTORI

AND CON-
SECUTIVE
WINS
IN THE TAKA-
MADONOMIYA
CUP, WE WILL
NOW BEGIN
THE CELEBRA-
TION PARTY

Juice

CHEERS

WHAT "CHEERS" !?

LEMME GO—

AND SO

AHEMI

ERR ...

ONCE AGAIN, A SPEECH FROM THE CAPTAIN

ESPECIALLY WE WERE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST THE STRONGEST TEAM, OOTORI

THAT WAS THE BIGGEST GOAL EVER SINCE THIS TEAM GOT PUT TOGETHER

AND IT WAS ALSO MY DREAM...

WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO WIN UP TILL NOW THANKS TO ALL OF YOU

YOU REALLY DID YOUR BEST

AND THAT'S WHY, STARTING NOW —

I AM GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART

THANK YOU

CAP-TAIN ...

THE SOCCER CLUB IS DISBANDED

SOCCER CLUB

WHAT, ARE YOU KID-DING!?

HUUUH —!?

YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR WITH YOUR JOKE

I JUST TOLD YOU THAT WINNING AGAINST OOTORI WAS MY GOAL

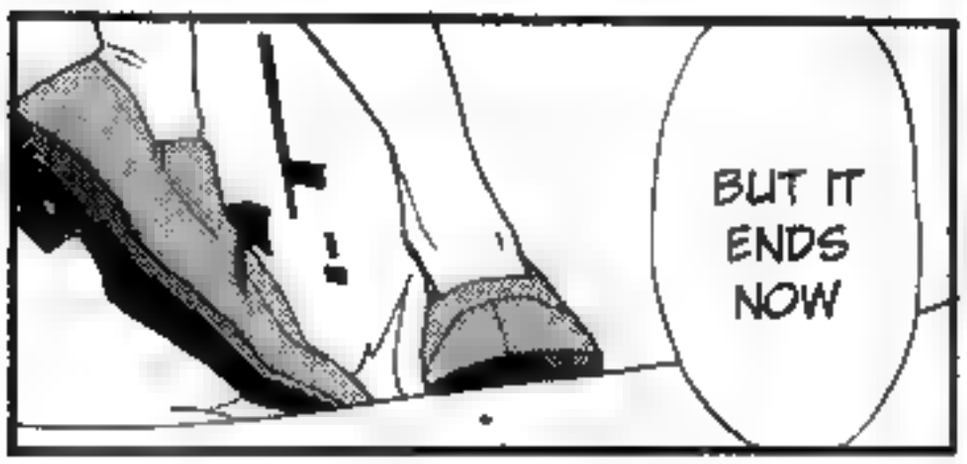
NOW THAT IT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, THERE'S NO POINT IN CARRY-ING ON

THIS ISN'T A JOKE, I AM SERIOUS

THAT'S JUST SO SELF-ISH...

SWIMMING CLUB
KARATEIDO
JUDO
YOU WERE ALL CAPABLE ATHLETES FROM OTHER CLUBS TO BEGIN WITH
AND IT WAS MY SELFISH-NESS THAT FORCED YOU TO JOIN THIS CLUB

YES, IT'S SELFISH


BUT IT ENDS NOW

SO YOU ARE ALL FREE STARTING TODAY
ANY MORE OF THIS, AND IT WILL AFFECT THE REST OF YOUR CAREERS

THEN WHAT ...
EVEN IF YOU TELL US THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN

THEN WHAT ABOUT ME!?

I JOINED THIS SOCCER CLUB OF MY OWN WILL

HEAR HEAR

I FEEL THE SAME

LOTS OF STUFF HAPPENED, BUT THERE IS NO OTHER PLACE FOR ME TO PLAY SOCCER

I'VE THOUGHT THIS THROUGH

IT'LL BE OKAY

I CAN'T LET YOU DESTROY THAT AS YOU PLEASE

I GOT IN TOUCH WITH THE COACH OF A TEAM FROM THE NEIGHBORING TOWN THROUGH ASUKA-SAN, AND HE SAID TO JOIN BY ALL MEANS

EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE UNDER THE J2 UMBRELLA, IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET PICKED FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM FROM THERE

YUKARIN AND NANAMIN TOO, OF COURSE ...

IT'S NOT ABOUT THAT!

YOU SPOKE OF YOUR DREAM JUST NOW

BUT I HAD A DREAM TOO... TO WEAR THIS TEAM'S UNIFORM AND TO STAND ON THE BIG STAGE...

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT IT WAS FINALLY WITHIN REACH...

A DREAM, HUH...

DREAMS CHANGE

CHILD-HOOD DREAMS AND CURRENT DREAMS

IS THAT REALLY YOUR DREAM NOW?

!?

WHAT YOU TRULY WANT TO DO RIGHT NOW

IT'S ...

YUUKI-KUN TOO, YOU'VE PLAYED A FEW MATCHES UP TILL NOW

AND THEN IN THE MATCH AGAINST RYOUHEI, DIDN'T YOU REALIZE SOME-THING?

I'M...

NO...

"I WANT TO PLAY AT AN EVEN HIGHER LEVEL"

THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO BE THINK-ING

FIFA WORLD CUP

ME TOO

I...

BUT IT WAS A DREAM THAT COULD NEVER COME TRUE

MY CHILDHOOD DREAM WAS FOR US TO PLAY IN THE WORLD CUP TOGETHER

AND KEPT WRENCH-ING MYSELF ON THE INSIDE

YET I COULDN'T ADMIT IT

I DID IT, BUT

LATELY I FEEL LIKE IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE

WINNING AGAINST HIM AGAIN

THAT WAS THE ONLY THING THAT SUPPORTED ME

DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHY?

ME...?

YES

BECAUSE YOU ARE HERE, YUU-KI-KUN

MY CURRENT DREAM

IT'S TO SEE THE PLAYER THAT I HAVE DISCOVERED

STANDING AT THE VERY TOP...

THAT'S WHY

THIS

YUUKI-KUN

CAP-TAIN...

GEEZ ..

AS ALWAYS

EVERY-ONE...

SO SELF-ISH...

SEIHOU SOCCER CLUB

DISBANDS——

TWO YEARS LATER

CAPTAIN

GIRLS

SOCCER CLUB

"KYUUKAI"

NADESHIKO

NEW YOUTH CANDIDATE

Kujou Nanami

SAWATARI ASUKA'S SUCCESSOR NO.1

AS EX-PECTED

NANAMIN-SENPAI GOT A SPECIAL ISSUE

DID YOU SEE THIS WEEK'S SOCCER MAGAZINE —?

AFTER ALL...

UHA-HA-HAHA

YES, I SAW

GIRLS SOCCER CLUB CAPTAIN

AIHARA YOUKO

E''

OUCH!

Aaahahahaha

YOU HAVE TO PRAISE ME MORE

GEEZ, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

JUST BECAUSE YOU GOT DROPPED FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE —

HUMPH

ME, THE SUPER STAR OF JAPAN

SEIHOU

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GIRLS SOCCER CLUB 3RD YEAR

KUJOU NANAMI

HEL-
LOOOO

WELL, I'LL GET SELECTED NEXT TIME ANYWAY

BODY SIZE MATTERS FOR MY POSITION

FULL GROWN GIRLS HAVE AN ADVAN-TAGE OVER ME

HEY

IT'S BEEN A WHILE

SEN-PAIS!!

OH

SORRY FOR BARGING IN——

WE ALL MET IN COLLEGE

AND THEN JUST DECIDED TO CHECK THINGS BACK HERE

ONLY TWO YEARS SINCE THEN, HUH—

IT WAS QUICK

IN INTER-HIGH THIS YEAR, YOU'VE ALREADY CLINCHED THE NATIONALS TOO, RIGHT?

THE NUMBER OF TROPHIES HAS GROWN QUITE A BIT

DID YOU GET FAT?

EHEHE —

TO THINK THAT YOUKO-CHAN WOULD QUIT BASKETBALL AND CREATE THIS GIRLS SOCCER CLUB—

BUT IT WAS ENOUGH —

IT WAS ALONGSIDE BASIC SWIMMING PRACTICE FOR ME THOUGH

IT'S BECAUSE YOU ALL FOLLOWED ALONG ONE WAY OR ANOTHER—

WELL, I FELT LIKE I'D REGRET IT IF I QUIT THERE

THE FAMILY BUSINESS IS A DOJO ANYWAY

OH!

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THE PRESS IS START-ING!

OLYMPIC REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING CAMP BEGINS

THE ONES TO WATCH ARE TWO TEENS FROM YOUTH A

YUUKI-KUN TOO IS DOING HIS BEST THIS YEAR-

THERE'S SOME-THING BESIDE HIM TOO

SAKAKIBARA YUUKI

IS HE GOING TO GO FREE AT THIS RATE...?

OKITA RUSHES FORWARD

NO

IT'S SAKAKIBARA YUUKI!!

GOOOO

THOSE TWO ARE ALWAYS BATTLING IT OUT

THIS PATTERN AGAIN

TRUE RIVAL SPIRIT THERE

YUUKI-KUN, ALL THE WAY TO THE GOAL!

AS LONG AS THERE'S A BALL THERE

THE FIGHT WILL NEVER END

Afterword

Overwhelming thanks!

AND NOW "FOOTBALL GIRL" ENDS.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS!!

YUUKI, RIN, AND EVERYONE'S TALE ENDS FOR NOW, BUT I HOPE THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW A CONTINUATION. IN THAT CASE, PLEASE WELCOME IT WARMLY.

I DREW THIS SOCCER GIRL MANGA BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF GETTING READERS WHO AREN'T INTERESTED IN SOCCER, OR ARE NOT VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT IT, TO ENJOY THE GAME.

IT'S MY DESIRE THAT YOU MIGHT USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP EVEN A LITTLE INTEREST IN SOCCER. OF COURSE, WHEN DURING THE LAUNCH IN "GOOD! AFTERNOON" THE EDITOR SAID "YOU CAN DRAW BOOBS!", IT'S NOT LIKE I SAID "FOR REAL!?" AND STARTED DRAWING THEM IMMEDIATELY! WELL, I DID DRAW THEM, BUT!! THIS IS A DIFFERENT TOPIC BUT, FOR THE REASON ABOVE, THE DEPICTION OF SOCCER IN THIS MANGA WAS SUPPOSED TO CONCENTRATE ON BEING "EASY TO UNDERSTAND", "NOT DIFFICULT", AND SO ON. BUT TO LOOK AT IT FROM ANOTHER ANGLE, THOSE WHO LIKE SOCCER MIGHT HAVE FOUND IT LACKING. BECAUSE OF THAT, AND SINCE THERE WAS THIS OPPORTUNITY, THE STORY OF SOCCER GOT A LITTLE DILUTED...

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY FAVORITE SOCCER PLAYERS AS WELL.

First, it's an ex-Dutch representative Dennis Bergkamp. Anyone who loves soccer knows about him. But those who don't know, wouldn't have even heard of him. The first time I saw him was during the '94 World Cup in America. He's the Gunners superstar that transformed me, who hadn't held much interest in soccer, into a soccer otaku. His nickname is "Iceman". He combined his excellent techniques with judgment that allowed him to utilize them without waste. His trapping was truly beautiful, and there were many situations where the moment he trapped the ball, he got around the opponent and decided the match. He is a slightly different type, but his trapping feels similar to Stojkovic when he was in Grampus. If it wasn't for his fear of flying, he probably would have become a player more widely known among Japanese.

Next is the Brazilian representative R9, aka Ronaldo. These days, if you say Ronaldo, people think of Cristiano Ronaldo (of Portugal), but to me, Ronaldo means this player! The first time I saw him he was still called Ronaldinho. (In Brazil, they lovingly add "inho" to names of excellent players. In other words, "Excellent Ronaldo" = "Ronaldinho".) He had speed, technique, strength, cunning -- all components necessary for a FW, a true beast. During his time with Barça, he demonstrated truly impossible plays time after time, so it was natural for him to come to be called tactician Ronaldo. Personally, I think he's the No. 1 soccer player in history. Regrettably, his play style took a great toll on his body and his peak period was short.

Let's touch upon Japanese players. With high expectations for his future, it's Haraguchi Genki of Hertha/Berlin. In this generation of fierce competition among forwards, Haraguchi possesses the most "scariness" when he heads toward the goal. I'd like him to grow more and become the pillar of the national team.

I have written too much, but I'd like to express my gratitude yet again in the end. Thank you. Let's meet again!

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